

JPPC NEWS

A Partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Hospital Association

IPBA Consultation Schedule

March 6, 2001
Thunder Bay

March 7, 2001
Sudbury

March 8, 2001
London

March 22, 2001
GTA

March 23, 2001
Downtown Toronto

March 26, 2001
Hamilton

March 27, 2001
Ottawa

The Ontario Joint Policy and Planning Committee (JPPC) is the partnership through which the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ontario Hospital Association work jointly to develop optimal health care policy, strategic planning and management decisions for the Ontario hospital system.

JPPC To Consult Hospitals On New Funding Formula

The JPPC is about to begin an extensive consultation process with hospitals across Ontario on its newly developed Integrated Population Based Allocation (IPBA) formula.

In her speech at the annual Ontario Hospital Association's Conference in November, Elizabeth Witmer, former

Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, announced her interest in adopting this new formula for calculating hospital funding.

"We are delighted that the Minister wants us to proceed with the IPBA consultation," said Frank Markel, Executive Director, JPPC. "It reflects

Ontario's continuing commitment to being a leader in healthcare funding models."

According to Dr. Markel, this major funding initiative also signals the Ministry's commitment to working jointly with the hospitals to develop new funding models.

The IPBA consultation process gives hospitals a real opportunity to be involved in the development of this new formula.

The IPBA formula was developed by the JPPC from the collective input of experts from 95 institutions, representing over 4500 person hours of work. The IPBA formula has two aspects: The Volumes Model which looks at predicting the expected volumes a hospital should be treating; and The Rates Model which now includes all chronic care activity. The latter consolidates two formulas previously used to allocate funding for hospitals across Ontario:

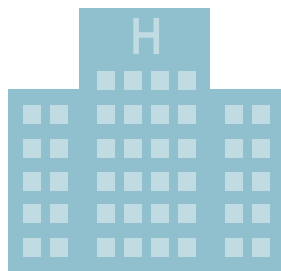
- 1) The Adjustment Factor formula used for community and teaching hospitals; and
- 2) The Small Hospitals formula.

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The new IPBA formula would increase the amount of hospital activity that is measured under one formula, making the playing field more level for hospitals. It would also mean that patients have improved, equal access to hospitals regardless of where they live in Ontario.

“We believe that all hospitals could benefit from the predictability of funding that this formula would bring, and that the interests of patients would be better served,” said Frank Markel. “The consultation process gives hospitals an opportunity to respond, to assess the IPBA formula from their perspectives, and to tell us whether or not they think it’s an improvement to the way hospitals are funded.”

The IPBA consultation will proceed on the basis of presentations made to hospital representatives across the province. Each consultation session will include a presentation by David MacKinnon, President and CEO of the OHA, and will be facilitated by Ms. Margaret Mottershead. The sessions will also include both a formal presentation by hospital representatives from the JPPC committees, as well as an opportunity for questions and feedback. Staff will also be available for one-on-one technical discussions of the model.

The results of the consultation will be contained in a report presented to the Ontario Hospital Association Board, the JPPC Senior Committee, and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. The Minister of Health will then evaluate the report and decide whether to proceed with the IPBA Funding Formula.

...our government does want to move ahead with a range of accountability measures, including a new funding formula that better reflects the number and needs of patients that you individually serve.

The JPPC has done much of the groundwork already to develop a funding formula. I know that you have asked for further consultation and I have agreed to a further round of consultations with hospitals – so that you can provide me with clear recommendations.

I urge all of you to participate and to consider the funding formula from the perspective of how it will move our health system forward, not only from the perspective of how it affects your own hospital. It is important that we move ahead with a new funding formula next year in order that we can continue to improve upon accountability.

The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, speaking at the OHA Annual Convention, November 8, 2000



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